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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings of claims in the present application.

<u>What Is Claimed Is</u>:

1. (currently amended) A storage system, comprising:

one or more data storage logical units (LUs) comprising physical media, the one or more LUs being adapted to receive commands, and responsive to the commands to store and recall data; and

a plurality of ports, each port being adapted to maintain <u>a plurality of</u> ~~an~~ LU command ~~queue~~ <u>queues, for</u> each of the <u>plurality of LU command queues corresponding to a respective one of the</u> LUs, such that upon receiving a command directed to one of the LUs, the port places the received command in the respective LU command queue, converts the received command to one or more converted commands at least some of which are directed to the physical media of the one of the LUs, and conveys the at least some converted commands to the physical media in an order determined by the respective LU command queue.

2. (original) The storage system according to claim 1,

wherein the command is comprised in one of a plurality of strings of commands each directed to a respective one of the ports, and

wherein each of the ports is coupled to receive the respective string of commands directed thereto.